

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-20. The Examiner is thanked for performing a thorough search. Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, and 17 have been amended. No new matter has been added. For example support for the amendments to independent Claims 8 and 17 can be found, among other places, in original Claim 1 of the instant application.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In paragraph 2, the Office Action states that no Information Disclosure Statement has been filed in this application even though the background section of the specification discloses multiple vendors provided intrusion detection systems. One, the background section does not refer to any specific products. Two, Applicants are not required by law to perform a search.

DRAWINGS

In paragraph e, the Office Action objected to the drawings. Formal drawings are submitted herein with. Reference numbers 132 and 134 in the equipment rack 140 have been amended respectively to 142 and 144 in Figure 1B. Various reference numbers in the written disclosure have also been amended. Therefore, Applicants believe that this objection has been addressed.

SPECIFICATION

In paragraph 7, the Office Action objected to informalities in the specification. The written description has been amended accordingly. Therefore, Applicants believe that this objection has been addressed.

DOUBLE PATENTING

In paragraph 8, the Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1-20 of the instant application 10/600,113 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-27 of copending application no. 10/627,374. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is being submitted herewith, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

In paragraph 11, the Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1-20 of the instant application 10/627,374 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type

double patenting over Claims 1-19 of patent no. 7,007,301. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is being submitted herewith, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7, 8 and 10

In paragraphs 17-21, the Office Action rejected Claims 7, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claim 7 has been amended to recite "said intrusion detection sensors." The Office Action failed to specify why Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claim 10 has been amended to recite "a hook" instead of "appropriate hooks." Among other places, the instant application states on the last line of page 9 to the first line of page 10, "For example, the integration module 104 selects appropriate 'hooks' in one of the intrusion detection systems from which to retrieve information." This description of a hook provides sufficient enablement for one of ordinary skill in the art to implement an embodiment as recited by Claim 10. Therefore, Applicants believe that these rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph have been addressed.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-20

In paragraph 23, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0188189 by Desai et al. (referred to hereinafter as "Desai"). Applicants respectfully submit that embodiments of the present invention are neither taught nor suggested by Desai.

Independent Claim 1 recites,

An integrated intrusion detection method comprising:

gathering information from a plurality of different types of intrusion detection sensors;

processing said information, wherein said processing provides a consolidated correlation of said information;

assigning a response corresponding to said information; and
implementing said response.

Applicants respectfully submit that Desai does not teach or suggest, among other things, “gathering information from a plurality of different types of intrusion detection sensors,” (emphasis added) as recited by Claim 1.

The Office Action asserts that Desai teaches “gathering information from a plurality of different types of intrusion detection sensors,” (emphasis added) as recited by Claim 1 at paragraphs 0044-0049. Paragraphs 0044-0049 refer to multi-vendor/multi-platform devices. Paragraph 0083 of Desai provides examples of these devices as “firewalls, routers, hosts, IDS...” However, Desai’s “devices” are not examples of “a plurality of different types of intrusion detection sensors.”

Therefore, Claim 1 should be patentable over Desai for at least the reason that Claim 1. Independent Claims 8 and 17 should be patentable for similar reasons that Claim 1 should be patentable.

Claims 2-7 depend on Claim 1. Claims 9-16 depend on Claim 8. Claims 18-20 depend on Claim 17. These dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective independent claims. Further, these dependent claims include additional limitations which further make them patentable. Therefore, these dependent claims should be patentable for at least the reasons that their respective independent claims should be patentable.

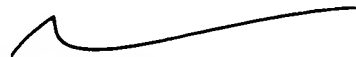
CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 overcome the rejections of record. For reasons discussed herein, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1-20 be considered by the Examiner. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1-20 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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